

LOGIE & ST. JOHN'S (CROSS) PARISH CHURCH **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: 30th January 2022**



WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am
MINISTER: REV. G. MACLAUGHLAN

'Improvement' has been the focus of many of my work-based conversations this week. Not because delivery or practice is poor but because as a team we recognise the need to continually review and reflect and get even better at what we do. There is a danger of 'making do'. Accepting that 'If it ain't broke don't fix it' mentality. The Kirk Session are meeting in conference this Saturday and it struck me that it's quite possible that the theme of my working week will be carried over to the weekend. Some would say we're doing OK at Logie & St. John's (Cross), but we know that nationally (and locally) the Church is changing. We should be looking outwards, consider what we can improve and with God's guidance we can get even better.



SUNDAY SERVICE

Ministry and mission across the West End of Dundee is important to so many of us and as we begin to explore what partnership with our neighbouring congregations may look like a 'pulpit swap' has been arranged for this week. The Rev. Bob Mallinson, minister at Menzieshill Parish Church, will lead us in worship on Sunday. Grant will be leading the service at Balgay Church.

With the easing of Covid restrictions we are pleased to be able to resort back to 1m distancing in the pews. Face coverings are still required (unless exempt) and you are encouraged to take a lateral flow test before coming to church. (If positive you should remain at home and isolate.)

CHURCH HEATING

The heating system has been repaired, thanks to the diligence of Alex Duncan, our Property Convenor. If the heating fails on a Sunday morning in future, the service will be moved to the Memorial Hall. Covid restrictions have prevented us from moving to the hall for the recent boiler breakdowns.

WHO AM I WORSHIPPING WITH?

Exactly a year ago (according to my Newsletter archive) Ramanee shared with us how many people were accessing our online worship and from where they were tuning in. It's great that in January 2022 we are now back worshipping in person and can see those that are joining us. It's lovely to see previous 'regulars' feeling able to return and there are others who have transferred their lines. We would like to warmly welcome Isobel Hoskins, Lesley and Jayne Mays, Evelyn Matthew, Laura Horne, Jenny Brady and Gary & Ann Dysart to our family at Logie & St John's (Cross). We thank God that they have joined us at this time and look forward to getting to know them all better.

'CONNECT' EVENTS THIS WEEK



CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER: On Zoom **Monday, 10:30am-11:15am** and **Wednesday, 2pm-2:45pm**. If you are working from home and fancy a coffee break, or if you are self-isolating or simply want to catch up with friends from church come and join us.

CONNECT WITH A MIDWEEK REFLECTION: A Zoom Gathering on **Wednesday morning 9:30-10:15am** when we will use a variety of different methods to enjoy a time of reflection and meditation.

CONNECT WITH THE BIBLE: On Zoom, **Tuesday 1st February at 7.30 pm**. This week the focus is on Psalm 19.

CONNECT WITH A CUPPA resumes **on Wednesday 2nd February 2 - 3.30 pm, Memorial Hall**. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. Please bring a mug if possible.

CONNECT WITH REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

We will be able to move back to the Hall after Sunday worship on and enjoy fellowship with each other over a cup of tea or coffee from next week **Sunday 6th February**.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WORK

Can you help shape our future work with children and young people ? If you are a parent, grandparent or carer, or if you have been part of our children's work in the past and would like to get involved again, please contact Grant and he will ensure you have the link for a Zoom meeting proposed for Sunday 30th January at 3pm. If you are interested and know you cannot make 3pm on 30th please still let Grant know and we will try to update you and find ways to hear your thoughts.

In time, we aim to have some conversations with the children and young people about what they feel would be best for them.

'NEW' CONNECT FAMILY QUIZ



We are exploring new ways to involve children and families in our church life. On Sunday 6th of February at 3pm we are going to host a Family Zoom Quiz. So why not bring your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces or godchildren along ? Email administrator@logies.org for the Zoom link.

PASTORAL CARE: LISTENING AND VISITING

If at this time you would like to talk about something, anything then Grant is available to listen. Please contact him directly on 07507710871 or email him at GMacLaughlan@churchofscotland.org.uk

And don't forget, if you, or anyone you know, needs pastoral care then please contact Rev Grant MacLaughlan by email or phone. Or contact our Session Clerk, Mike Duffy, by emailing

sessionclerk@logies.org Finally, you can leave a message on the church answerphone T: 01382 668514

FOR OUR YOUNG MEMBERS (AND YOUNG AT HEART)

BibleWise

Sons of Jacob

Jacob had twelve sons. Fit their names in the stack-a-word puzzle below.

